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SUBJECT: ALLIED PROTEST OF GDR INTERRUPTION OF BERLIN

REF: BONN 14136

1. EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VINE RAISED TEXT OF PROTEST WITH FRENCH CHARGE EPERVRIER ON AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 24. VINE POINTED OUT THAT CHANGES PROPOSED BY FRENCH REP IN BONN GROUP WOULD EMASCULATE THE PROTEST BY REMOVING ALL REFERENCE TO THE REASONS THE GDR HAD USED FOR STOPPING TRAFFIC. IF THE FRENCH CHANGES WERE ACCEPTED, THE GDR COULD EASILY COUNTER THAT IT HAD IN FACT HAD A  
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REASONABLE SUSPICION THAT THE TRAVELLERS WERE INTENDING

TO MISUSE THE TRANSIT ROUTES. THE TEXT AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED BY THE BONN GROUP PROVIDED AN EFFECTIVE COUNTER TO THIS CLAIM.

2. VINE POINTED OUT THAT THE US BELIEVED IT HAD ALREADY GONE A CONSIDERABLE LENGTH TO COMPROMISE BY AGREEING TO HAVE THE PROTEST MADE IN BERLIN. TO FURTHER WEAKEN THE TEXT AT THIS JUNCTURE WOULD CONSIDERABLY WEAKEN THE ALLIED PROTEST. VINE URGED THE FRENCH TO RECONSIDER THEIR

POSITION, RECALLING THAT SPEED WAS ALSO A FACTOR. THE ALLIES HAD BEEN WORKING ON THE PROTEST FOR NEARLY TWO WEEKS. IF WE WERE GOING TO ARGUE FOR ANOTHER WEEK BEFORE ACTUALLY APPROACHING THE SOVIETS, THE GESTURE WOULD HAVE LOST ALL MEANING.

3. EPERVIER WAS ALREADY INFORMED OF THE CHANGES DESIRED BY THE QUAI, AND PROMISED TO REPORT US VIEWS IMMEDIATELY TO PARIS.

4. FOR BONN: AT AUGUST 25 BONN GROUP MEETING, US REP SHOULD REPEAT US VIEWS ON TEXT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. YOU SHOULD NOT AGREE TO ALTERATIONS PROPOSED BY FRENCH UNLESS INSTRUCTED FURTHER. KISSINGER

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